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DUBLIN CORPORATION: NO FORCED MOVES

The management at Dublin Corporation have been watching too many Rambo films and think that a macho style can be pushed down their employees' throats.

They are trying to push workers in the planning departments into new civic offices. They never consulted their own staff on the layout of these offices.

At one stage they even threatened to lay off temporary workers—if the planning department staff did not move.

Last Thursday, they tried to move architects without any agreement. Fortunately they were met by strike action.

The days of this macho management are coming to an end. Right across the country workers are starting to resist—and win.

A strike at Knightingale's in the ILAC centre has recently ended in a complete victory after a magnificent campaign of solidarity from other trade unionists.

The same thing can happen in the planning dispute. If Dublin Corporation do not back down, there should be an immediate escalation of the dispute.

Strikes by IMPACT in the Eastern Health Board prove that this tactic of escalation works. The IMPACT membership in the EHB stopped in solidarity with dental assistants last year—and forced concessions.

In all of this we need to make sure that our union leaders fight for us—rather than thinking that they are paid to be referees.

BUILD A SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE TO LABOUR:

Ruairi Quinn is the first Labour Party Minister for Finance to introduce a budget. Even the *Sunday Tribune* called it "Ruairi's bourgeois budget".

He gave huge tax relief to big farmers whose property is worth more than £300,000 and cut the tax levy on the banks which raised £35 million a year.

Quinn cares more about managing capitalism—than in advancing the interests of working people. He hopes that if he gives them enough incentives that they will create jobs.

But the Irish rich have been pampered with grants and tax breaks for decades—and still thousands are forced to emigrate.

We need an organisation in this country that sets out to get some real change.

We should not have a country where 10% of the population own 47% of the wealth or where one man, Tony O'Reilly, owns most of our newspapers.

To get change you need a party that back workers struggles completely. Sometimes this will mean opposing the sell-out tactics of ICTU leaders.

Working people have the power to change this country. Years ago Connolly said "The great are only great, because we are on our knees. Let us arise".

It high time that we saw a fighting socialist movement in this country that stood by workers with the same determination that FF and FG back the Irish rich. If you agree, then why not, join the socialists.

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